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Finding Text Evidence

Directions: Read "Is Anything Wrong With This Picture?" and "How the Telephone Made America Rude," then complete the activity below. Some questions will ask you to select or find pieces of text evidence that support a statement we provide. Other questions will ask you to support your own statement with text evidence.

1. Choose **TWO** pieces of text evidence from "Is Anything Wrong With This Picture?" that best support the statement below.

STATEMENT:

The rules of etiquette have changed over time.

- Ⓐ "Manners are a set of rules for how people treat each other and behave in social situations, and they have been around since the dawn of time." (p. 25)
- Ⓑ "Over the centuries, what is considered socially correct has evolved . . ." (p. 25)
- Ⓒ "Maybe those who are offended by someone texting at the table are stuck in the past, applying old-fashioned standards to a society in which those standards no longer make sense." (p. 26)
- Ⓓ "And while obnoxious behavior is nothing new, 74 percent of American adults think that people are getting ruder." (p. 25)

2. Choose **ONE** piece of text evidence that best supports the statement below. Then complete the sentence to explain your choice.

STATEMENT:

Good manners can help you get ahead in life.

- Ⓐ "Studies show that teens with good manners are more likely to be successful: They get higher grades, are more impressive in job interviews, and are more likely to get the jobs they want." (p. 26)
- Ⓑ "In other words, manners serve to make the world a happier and more pleasant place to live." (p. 25)
- Ⓒ "According to Alex J. Packer . . . 'Good manners make other people feel good—they put people at ease.'" (p. 25)

I chose ____ because _____

3. Below is a statement and two pieces of supporting evidence. Find one more piece of evidence from the article and write it on the lines below.

STATEMENT:

Having poor phone etiquette can be dangerous.

- Ⓐ “Such behavior [playing video games while walking in traffic] can land people in the hospital—or worse.” (p. 25)
- Ⓑ “But the tremendous number of phone-related injuries is powerful evidence of what can happen when we fail to be considerate of others.” (p. 26)

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4. Read the lines from the article below. Then write a statement that they all support.

STATEMENT:

- Ⓐ “For the first time, you could talk to loved ones in real time whether they were around the corner or halfway around the world. At the same time, many [Americans living in the 1940s] believed that the telephone was ruining America’s good manners.” (p. 27)
- Ⓑ “But these days, it seems our society may have lost its way—especially when it comes to our phones.” (p. 25)
- Ⓒ “The problem is that Americans have become extremely—even horrifyingly—rude. The evidence is everywhere, from the guy gabbing on his phone in the middle of *Star Wars* to your best friend Snapchatting her way through your birthday party.” (p. 25)